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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022 (expected)

Dissertation: "Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Aid"

Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

RESEARCH

Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Targeting Civil War: Intra-state Conflict and the Opportunity-cost of Foreign Aid." (Revise and Resubmit).

"Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Foreign Aid: How Donor Interests and Recipient Need Shape Strategic Reactions in Aid Allocation."

"Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations." With Lucie Lu

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests."

Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women.](#)" *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter.](#)" *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. "[The World Bank.](#)" Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. "[Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-rematch in Chicago Suburbs.](#)" In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

Technical Guides

"[Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs.](#)" With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to [Religion in Public](#). Select posts include:

[“White, Conservative, Religious...and Aid Skeptical”](#) (January 21, 2021)

[“Do Women Preach Differently than Men?”](#) (June 26, 2019)

[“Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals’ Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump”](#) (February 20, 2017)

[“Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump”](#) (February 13, 2017)

SOFTWARE

Tools

R, RStudio, Latex, Stata, Python

R Packages under Development

[RFA](#) - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

[seerrr](#) - Tools that simplify the process of doing computational power analysis.

[SARM](#) - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

[oesr](#) (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evluation Sciences’ [recommended style guide](#).

TEACHING

<i>Intro to International Relations</i> , Independent Instructor (online)	2021
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<i>Intro to Political Science</i> , Teaching Assistant	2017
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UIUC Math Camp

Probability in R	2018-2020
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Integrals	2020
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Linear Regression	2021
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GitHub and Version Control	2021
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PROFESSIONAL

U.S. Office of Evaluations Sciences, Associate Fellow

Methods Specialist	2020-present
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Research Assistant

Cara Wong	2020-present
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Matthew S. Winters	2018-2020
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Eastern Illinois University

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley	2016
Presidential Graduate Assistant	2015-2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus	2021
Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence	2018

Eastern Illinois University

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	2018
Williams Travel Grant	2016

SERVICE

<i>International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator</i>	2020-2021
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Graduate Methods Committee

Member	2019-2021
Chair	2020

<i>UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member</i>	2019-2020
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